

SENATE RESOLUTION 64

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A RESOLUTION to acknowledge the appointment of Thomas W. Lawless of Nashville to the Registry of Election Finance.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203, provides for the creation of the Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203(c)(2), provides that the Senate shall appoint two (2) members to the Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Caucus of the Senate has appointed Thomas W. Lawless of Nashville to serve as a member of the Registry of Election Finance for a term set to expire on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Lawless is an attorney who earned his Juris Doctorate in 1980 from the Nashville School of Law and was admitted to practice in Tennessee in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless is a board-certified Creditors' Rights Law Specialist by the American Board of Certification and the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization, as well as a Rule 31 Mediator by the Tennessee Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution; his practice includes representation of financial institutions and mortgage lenders in matters involving classified assets, workouts, extensive bankruptcy representation of creditors, collections, foreclosures, civil litigation, and commercial and residential closings and documentation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless is the present Chairman of the Professionalism and Ethics Committee and is a member of the Bankruptcy Committee, Legislative Committee, and the Judicial Selection Committee of the Nashville Bar Association and received the "President's

Award for 2012;" he serves on the American Bar Association's Small Firm Practice and Solo Attorney Committee, as well as the Bankruptcy Committee; and

WHEREAS, a Fellow of the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations, Mr. Lawless is an active member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless is involved in numerous civic activities, participating as past Chairman of the Davidson County Republican Party, serving as a Poll Officer for Davidson Country Election Commission, and being active in the local Rotary Clubs and the Dial-A-Lawyer Program of the Nashville Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless was a founding member of the Nashville Chapter of the Federalist Society and served as its first President; he has been listed in the *Nashville Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar 2004 through 2012," Who's Who in American Law, Mid-South Super Lawyers 2006-2010 and 2013, and Martindale-Hubble as AV rated, and was selected in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers (in America) 2006-2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless has been recognized and included in Best Lawyers in America in 2009-2013 and has also been recognized in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2011, 2012, and 2013; and

WHEREAS, a frequent lecturer who has published numerous articles on creditor issues in the financial industry, Mr. Lawless chaired the City of Oak Hill's Board of Zoning Appeals from 2007-2013; and

WHEREAS, he Chaired the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission, and was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to Chair the Governor's Commission for Judicial Appointments for 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless is Secretary of the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct and is Treasurer of the Tennesseans Concerned for Fair Courts; and

WHEREAS, Thomas W. Lawless is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this state and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body does hereby acknowledge the appointment of Thomas W. Lawless to the Registry of Election Finance for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.